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SUBJECT: CHADIAN PERMREP CALL ON AMBASSADOR LEONARD

1. CHADIAN PERMREP DESSANDE CALLED ON AMBASSADOR LEONARD MORNING MARCH 24. HE BELIEVES THE CURRENT CEASEFIRE TO BE EFFECTIVE AND SAID THAT ALL CONCERNED PARTIES WERE NOW DISPOSED TO ENTER INTO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. A JOINT DECLARATION FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY 23-24 SEBHA MEETING AMONG NIGER, LIBYA, SUDAN, AND CHAD WAS GIVEN TO THE SYG AND A UN DOCUMENT WAS ISSUED MARCH 20 (ASSUME JOINT DECLARATION AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEES).

2. AT THE CURRENT MEETING IN SEBHA, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE IN JOINT DECLARATION, THE REBELS ARE PARTICIPATING AND ARE ASKING THAT THEIR MOVEMENT BE RECOGNIZED, A CONCESSION DESSANDE DECLARED GOC IS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE. AS CONCERNS THE DISPUTE WITH LIBYA, FOR THE FIRST TIME, DESSANDE STATED, THE LIBYANS RECOGNIZE THAT A BORDER PROBLEM EXISTS AND SEEM WILLING TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH THE CHADIANS. DESSANDE LABELED THIS AN ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT.
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MENT IN CHAD/LIBYA RELATIONS.

3. THE BULK OF THE MEETING CONCENTRATED ON THE PROBLEM OF DEBTS INCURRED BY THE CHAD MISSION AND DIPLOMATS HERE IN NEW YORK, RATHER THAN CHAD'S SECURITY PROBLEMS. CHAD DELEGATES TO THE UN CITE INTERNAL PROBLEMS AS A REASON FOR THE DIFFICULTIES THEY HAVE IN PAYING DEBTS IN NEW YORK.

ACCORDING TO DESSANDE, NEITHER CHAD MISSION TO UN NOR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAVE RECEIVED "SPECIAL CREDITS" FROM NDJAMENA NEEDED TO MEET OPERATING EXPENSES, BUT DESSANDE EXPECTS FUNDS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. FURTHER DETAILS ON DEBT ASPECT OF CONVERSATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING SEPTEL.

4. COMMENT: WITHIN THE UN COMMUNITY THERE HAS NOT BEEN MUCH COMMENT RECENTLY ON THE CHAD PROBLEM, THOUGH IVORY COAST PERMREP TOLD AMBASSADOR LEONARD ON MARCH 24 THAT PROSPECTS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WERE IMPROVING. IN LIGHT OF DESSANDE'S REMARKS, WE CAN BE HOPEFUL THAT PROBLEM WON'T BE BACK IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. LEONARD

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